Operation Machines lying Idle in Dr. R.M. Lohia Hospital, New Delhi

*35. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new operation machines and instruments worth lakhs of rupees which were purchased recently are lying unused and they have become unserviceable in the E.N.T. Department of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that certain equipments obtained for the ENT department of Dr. R. M. L. Hospital have not yet supply of certain essential parts. The value of such equipments is around Rs. 1,63,950/-. The supplier has been requested to supply the essential parts so that the equipments could be commissioned.

Promotion of attendants in the National Gallery of Modern Art

*36. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2453, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the attendants of the National Gallery of Modern Art; New Delhi regarding their promotion to higher grade;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of them have been given promotions w.e.f. June, 1985 instead of from the year 1978;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) 4 posts of Selection Grade in the pay scale of Rs. 200-240 have been created in the grade of Gallery Attendants with effect from 13.6.85 in the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi. The eligible attendants have been promoted in the Selection Grade from this date. Representations have been received to allow appointments in the Selection grade with retrospective effect. These are under consideration.

Test of AIDS on an Air Hostess

*37. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Dr. P. S. Krishnamurthy a consultant for Cancer Research Institute of Switzerland and practising homoeopath from Hyderabad published in the 'Indian Express' of 14th March, 1986 that "AIDS around the corner";

(b) whether first case of AIDS has come to India when an air hostess of Air India was declared to be a carrier of AIDS; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the test on the air hostess?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.